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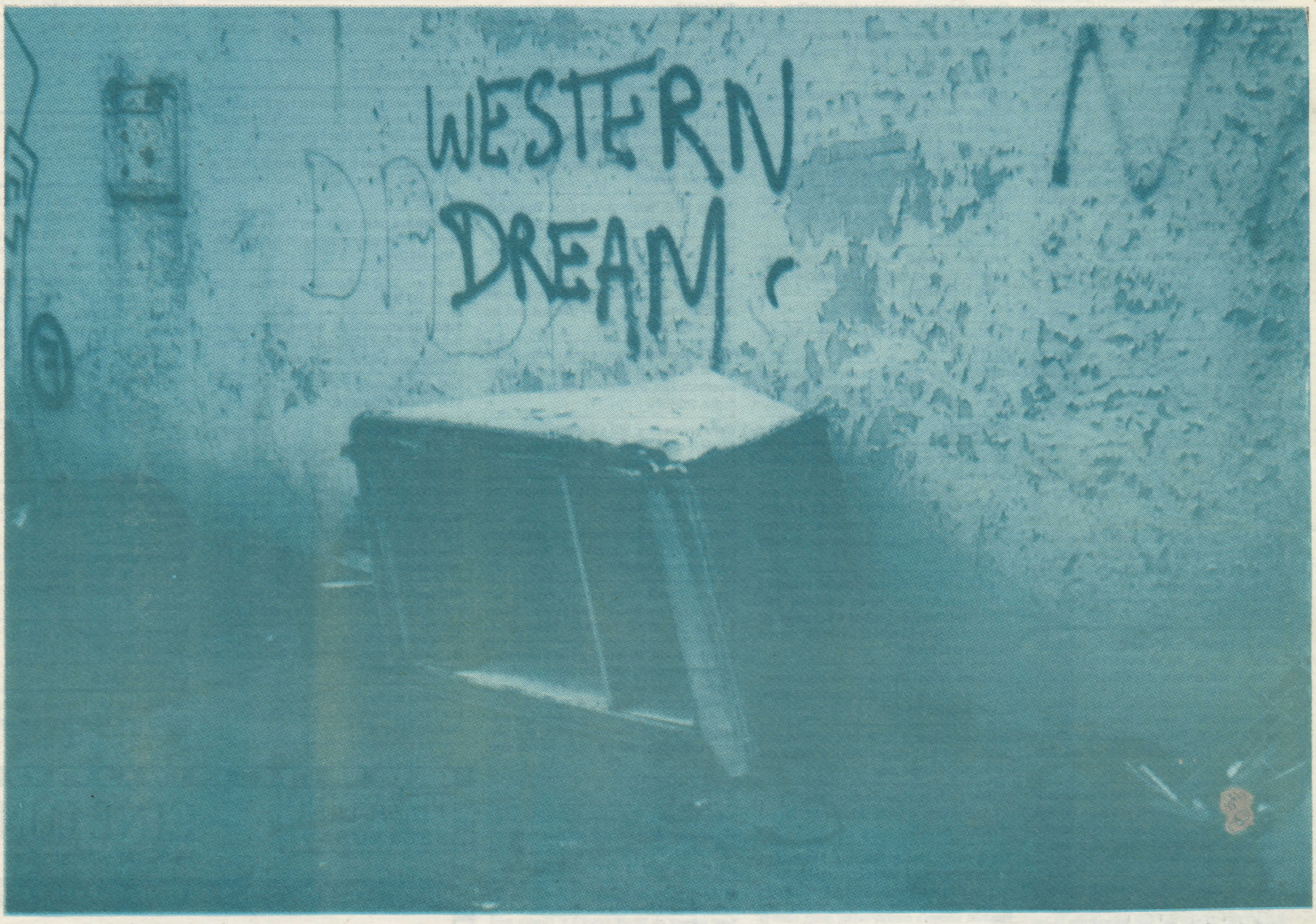


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# AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

## Friday, November 19

**"AIDS & the University"** Celebrated AIDS activist and cultural critic Douglas Crimp will give a lecture titled "Don't Ask Don't Tell: Why Doesn't Anyone Talk About AIDS Anymore?" 7 pm, DeSève Cinema, 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West.

**"Africa Through African Eyes,"** a film festival sponsored by the African Students' Association featuring *Saaraba, La Vie est Belle, Funzan, Mapantsula.* 4-11 pm, H-110.

**Feeling financially strapped?** Brain-storming and information-sharing meeting for students in financial difficulty. Free spaghetti dinner. Children Welcome. 4 pm, 2090 MacKay. Info: 848-2859.

**Co-op Kitchen.** NOTE: original event has been cancelled and replaced with a planning meeting for a more comprehensive self-help group. Free spaghetti dinner will be served. 4 pm, Annex Z. Info: 848-3585/3586.

## Saturday, November 20

**"Hothead Paisan" Book Launch.** Author Diane DiMassa will be present at this anti-censorship fundraiser. 9 pm, SKY, 1474 Ste-Catherine E. Tickets $5, available at l'Androgyne or at the door.

## Tuesday, November 23

**"The US Health Care Debate**: Problems and Prospects," a lecture by Northeastern University Political Scientist David Rochefort. 3 pm, 2149 MacKay, basement.

**Rummage Sale** - good used clothes, some books. Proceeds to benefit TESL students and Tyndale St. George's Community Centre. 10 am - 7 pm. Hall Mezzanine. Info: 848-2461.

## GENERAL

**"How do I Sound"** is now accepting submissions. Deadline: Dec. 23. Pick up applications at BR-111 or Cafe X. Info: Amanda, 286-8075 or Aleza, 286-5165.

**"How do I Look"** is now accepting submissions. Deadline: Dec. 23. Pick up applications at BR-111 or Cafe X. Info: Sandra, 847-1412 or Vali, 270-8972.

**Incest Survivors' Group** Examine the ways in which incest has affected you and begin the work toward recovery. Group run by professional psychotherapists. Call 848-3545/3555, or drop by H-440 or WC-101.

**Concordia Queer Collective** weekly meetings: Fridays at 5:30 pm. Learn the latest news and activities at CQC. Womyn and men are welcome to join us for a chat over coffee, tea and snacks. 2020 Mackay, P-102. Info: 848-7414.

**Debating Society meetings:** drop by H-520 on Wednesdays from 7-10 pm, or Fridays from 2-5 pm. Info: 848-7412.

**Multi-Faith Dialogue** - Brown bag discussions designed to promote understanding between members of different religious faiths. Mondays at noon, T-305 (the Graduate Students' Lounge).

**Services for Disabled Students**: Volunteers are needed to help us deliver many of the services our students use, such as readers, tutors, and assistants. Info: H-580, 848-3525, or AD 130, 848-3536.

**Ham Radio meetings**: personal two-way radio,television, computers, radio BBS, satellites, shortwave, electronic projects,emergency communications. Meetings every Tuesday, 7 pm, in H-644-1. Info: 848-7474 and leave a message.

**The Anthology** of Creative Writing is currently collecting poetry and prose reflecting actual and progressive attitudes at Concordia. Submissions may be sent to: English Dept., LB-501, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Montreal, H3G 1M8. Deadline: Nov. 30.

**Coming Out Support Group** In response to the many calls from students who are looking for a safe place to express their feelings, needs and concerns about their sexual orientation, sponsored by cQc & Peer Helpers. Tues, 7 pm. Men: Wed 7 pm, 2130 Bishop, Rm 02. Info: 848-7414, 848-2859.

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**Concordia Irish Society** meets every Thursday at 8 pm. Come for coffee and enjoy yourself. Office also open through the week during certain hours. 2020 MacKay, Rm 103. Info: 848-7411.

**Hola Amigos y Amigas!** All Latin American students interested in becoming members of the Latin American Students' Association, contact Roberto at 333-1947. Gracias.

**Attention Native Students!** Regular bi-weekly meetings of First Nations - Concordia are held at the Native Student Centre, 2110 MacKay, 3rd Floor, Fridays at 1 pm. Info: 848-7327.

**Condoms** are now available in 2 vending machines at SGW, Tim Horton's and Hall Building 4th Floor. The condoms are approved by Health Services.

**Montreal Alliance of Aspiring Midwives** (MAAM) welcomes enthusiastic people for group study and political action. Info: Liz, 933-1631.

**The Economics Students' Association** is looking for new members, Drop by our office (GM 301-36) or phone 848-7485.

**Free Tutoring** available for students who have failed the University Writing Test. Info: 848-2326.

**Tashi Delek!** All students interested in the Tibetan cause, join the friends of Tibet Club! Info: Tenzin, 646-7331.

**Volunteers Needed!** Parenthèse is a unique playgroup for immigrant moms and their children and is looking for volunteers. Tues. or Thurs. 1-4:30 pm. Info: Cyndy, 934-0354, ext. 354.

**Hey Cool People!** CRSG is looking for volunteers. Drop by H-647.

**"Glitch,"** a new Concordia student film/video program on Cable 23, is looking for submissions for its upcoming season. Info: 281-7942.

## WOMEN

**The Montréal Assault Prevention** Centre offers a self-defense course for women called ACTION. Each course provides verbal and physical techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. Info: 284-1212. For information on upcoming courses on campus, call the Concordia Women's Centre, 848-7431.

**Shakti** is a Women of Colour Collective embodying a Womanist direction. We are anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-classist and lesbian & bi-positive. All women of colour are invited to participate. Leave a message at 398-7432.

**Résidence Project Chance.** Residential program for single moms on loans and bursaries or welfare. Call Susan Cross 934-6199.

**Volunteers needed** at the Montreal Sexual Assault Centre to staff the telephone crisis line. Please call 934-4504 or 934-0354, extension 229.

**Lesbian Mothers** support group, call Deborah, 274-8995 or listen to Dykes on Mikes, Monday 7-8 pm, CKUT, 90.3 FM.

**The Women's Studies Students' Association** has been resurrected. Help us become a force on campus. Tuesdays, 8 pm, basement, 2130 Bishop.

**Feminist womyn's** creative writing group, open to new members, meets every other Monday at the Concordia Women's Centre. Info: Dana, 521-8480.

**Disabled Women's Support Group** starting at Concordia. Active member participation will be encouraged. Contact Nathalie Léveillé before Nov. 16 for information at 483-2051.

**"Acoustica,"** a festival for new Canadian female singer/songwriters, needs submissions and volunteers. Info: Hanna, 849-3791.

**The Legal Information Clinic** at the "Y" now offers private counselling session to inform women of their rights and guide them through legal proceedings (divorce, wills, immigration, discrimination, employment relations etc.). By Appointment only. $5/ 30 minutes. Info: 866-9941.

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## WANTED

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## GENERAL

**Graduate Student** Get-Togethers, School of Graduate Studies. Dean Martin Kusy would like to meet with graduate students once again this year on an informal basis. "Get-Together" sessions have been arranged for this purpose, from 5:30-7:30 pm at our Graduate Administration offices, 2145 Mackay Street, on the following dates: Second Semester: Wednesday, February 2, 1994; and Monday, March 7, 1994. Because space is limited, please reserve one of the above dates by contacting Ms.Kali Sakell at 848-3803. We look forward to seeing you.

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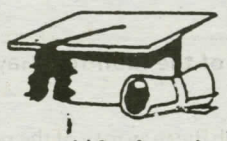

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# CUSA sends Red Cross debate to school-wide referendum

by Jennifer Ditchburn and Danny Chan

A packed CUSA Board of Directors meeting on a motion for Concordia to stop endorsing Red Cross blood drives turned into a hostile five-hour debate last night. At the end, directors voted to send the question to a school-wide referendum.

"I thought this kind of discrimination ended 200 years ago. I think you (board of directors) should take a look at the stats and see that you, the leaders of tomorrow, are promoting racism," said international student Carlos Tross who spoke from the gallery.

About 40 students including representatives of the gay and black communities discussed the Red Cross questionnaire which critics say discriminates against gays and people from the Carribean and sub-Saharan Africa.

The meeting was forced to recess when a dispute arose over whether to expel a non-Concordia student from the gallery. Mary-Margaret Jones of Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill spoke out of turn in response to engineering representative Shadi Khader's comment that the Red Cross' policy was not "discrimination but regulation."

When a gallery observer interjected that CUSA co-president Lana Grimes would have to leave too since she was not a student, chairperson Geoff Dubrow adjourned the meeting. An argument ensued between Khader and Concordia Queer Collective external co-ordinator James Edwards, at which point Khader lunged at Edwards. And various groups within the cramped board room argued about Jones' comment that Khader was speaking like a "true, white straight male".

The controversial blood donor assessment questionnaire contains specific questions referring to sex between males and the country of origin of the potential donor. Co-president Grimes called it "criminally negligent" that nowhere in the questionnaire is the donor asked "point blank" if they have had unprotected sex.

photo by Nina Romano

### Two motions

Board members heard presentations by Edwards of the CQC, Dr. Gilles Delage of the Montreal Red Cross, and Dorcas Kandawasvika of the African Students Association. The motion was split into two parts. One was a motion to petition the Red Cross to change the questionnaire so it addresses "specific sexual behaviour regardless of sexual orientation or race;" the other asked CUSA to withdraw its sponsorship of future blood drives until such changes are carried out. The first motion was passed within the first half hour of debate.

CUSA board member Michelle Soso criticized the Red Cross decision to single out some groups and exclude others.

"Who says who's life is more valuable than another's? The Red Cross is saying that women aren't contracting AIDS in high enough numbers to justify putting them on the list," said Soso.

### "Biased and insulting" survey

Soso also called an informal survey of Concordia students on the subject "biased and insulting." Board member Christine Vieira conducted a survey of 144 students in the cafeteria in the course of an hour earlier this week. Vieira was opposed to any motion to cease sponsorship of the Red Cross, calling such action "morally reprehensible."

Dr. Delage presented a copy of the new donor form which has no geographically-exclusive questions. However, the question addressing men who have had sex with another man since 1977 remained unchanged. More specific questions concerning unprotected sex and high risk activities were not added to the new questionnaire slated for distribution early next year.

### Referendum on AIDS Day

The decision was reached to hold a referendum on Wednesday Dec. 1, World AIDS Day. The last Concordia referendum resulted in a ban of military recruiters on campus.

McGill University's board of directors decided to boycott any Red Cross blood drives from the university for the same reasons earlier this year.

Edwards said the CQC will protest CASA's planned blood drive to be held on Nov. 29 and 30. Information booths will detail who is and is not at risk.

# Commission hears about discrimination against people with AIDS

by Stephanie Pajevic

A doctor announcing an HIV positive diagnosis in a room full of people is just an example of the discrimination people living with AIDS face, says AIDS Community Care of Montreal.

Discrimination against people with AIDS (PWAs) begins with the idea that AIDS is a "gay disease," ACCM representatives said.

"We still suffer from myths put out a decade ago," said David Cassidy, Director of Social Services at ACCM. "The people we represent tend to be victims of discrimination."

The ACCM, a non-profit organization that runs services for anyone living with AIDS, made their presentation to the Quebec Human Rights Commission's public hearings on discrimination against gays and lesbians. Most of their activities are run by an extensive volunteer network.

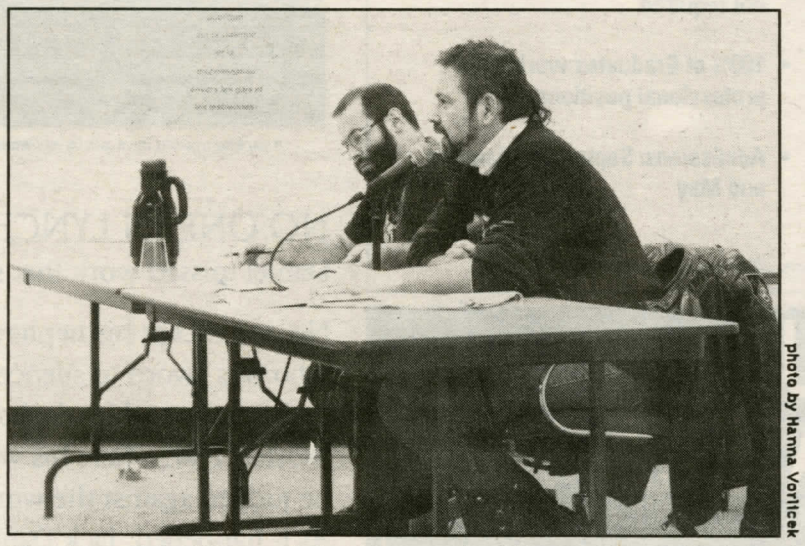

photo by Hanna Voriicek

Members of the Montreal Gay Motorcycle Alliance also testified.

Although the majority of the people with AIDS in the world are heterosexuals, the perception of AIDS as a gay problem means all PWAs—straight or gay—face homophobia and fear.

The ACCM told the commission that privacy and confidentiality are important for anyone living with AIDS, and that doctors and hospital staff should respect this privacy unless another person's life is at risk. According to the ACCM, doctors and nurses give out information instead of keeping the patient's confidentiality. They say it's common for cases to be discussed in cafeterias or nursing stations. Some doctors share information with their secretaries or colleagues.

The ACCM is pushing the commission to put task forces in hospitals to ensure confidentiality and more restricted access to charts and data on computers. Also, all patients should be told that they have the right to refuse treatment from a student in teaching hospitals, they said.

The telephone is also a problem. Some doctors have left messages on patients' answering machines telling them that they are HIV positive.

Many professional services are refused to AIDS victims. Dentists in private practices can refuse to treat a PWA. Some funeral homes will only cremate people who have died of AIDS. And there are doctors

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## Concordia's Friday Report

### Pay cuts

The government of Quebec has ordered the university to reduce employees' pay by 1 per cent per year. Unable to reach an agreement with the employees unions and associations, the administration has decided not to pay employees for what would normally be paid holidays. Part time faculty will simply have their vacation pay reduced at the end of the year.

Hmmm... Legislating austerity, unpaid holidays —it all sounds like Bob Rae's "social contract" which did so much to make him one of the most popular men in Ontario.

### AIDS lecture

The HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee of Concordia is sponsoring a talk by Douglas Crimp today. The popular media critic and AIDS activist will give a talk called "Don't Ask Don't Tell: Why Doesn't Anyone Talk About Aids Anymore." The guy's funny. Call 848-4848 for more info. Call quick though, the lecture's today.

### The boys' room

So are the Con U cops harassing men who use the washroom on the Webster third floor? The rumour is that some boys have been doing nasty things in there and security wants it stopped. Unfortunately, it sounds like the problem is so serious the guards don't feel the need to respect such things as the constitutional right to urinate and not have to answer for it later.

### Task forces

Our cup runneth over with task forces, committees and reviews. We'll all get to spend more time talking about Academic and Scientific Integrity, Fabrikant's employment history, ethics, the evaluation of teaching and more. Too bad *Maclean's* doesn't give bonus points for self evaluation. But one task force which might actually make a difference to life here in the Real World is the Task Force to Review Policies Pertaining to Rights, Responsibilities and Behaviour. That means non-academic behaviour or misbehaviour as the case may be. Call 848-4857 for information about submissions.

—Mark Brooker

# Discrimination hearings

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who refuse to operate on AIDS patients.

In the workplace, people with AIDS have been fired from their jobs. This leaves them no choice but to go on welfare. In welfare offices, cases are shared all over the office and files seem to mysteriously disappear, said the ACCM.

In one case a woman was fired from her job when it was found out her brother had died of AIDS.

"People with AIDS are afraid to use public services but most could press charges if they had more freedom," said Cassidy. "They don't have the time to pursue charges, and discrimination wins."

ACCM made several other recommendations to the Quebec Human Rights Commission. The first was for more publicity and public information campaigns. According to the submission on AIDS discrimination; "most people with AIDS are too weak to seek out help, but if it was readily available, people might make more use of it."

The hearings, which are taking place Nov. 15-22, are on discrimination against gays and lesbians. The panel of four has no active gay representation but the commissioners have experience in dealing with gay issues.


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# UNB suspends prof in wake of column

## *But Matin Yaqzan says comment about "promiscious girls" misunderstood*

by Karen Burgess and Jonathan Stone

FREDERICTON (CUP)—A University of New Brunswick professor suspended over his controversial opinion piece on date rape says the media frenzy around the event is a "tempest in a teapot."

Last Friday, the university suspended Matin Yaqzan, a UNB assistant professor in mathematics and statistics, after he wrote a column in The Brunswickan student newspaper saying a "promiscuous" woman who has sex with many men is not really against rape and women who are raped should demand monetary retribution. Yaqzan's Nov. 5 article angered many students and sparked media attention from across the country.

"Tom Traves Vice president (academic), has initiated a full review of Professor Yaqzan's performance of his professional responsibilities... Prof. Yaqzan has been instructed to stay away from the university campus during the suspension. Another instructor will be assigned to his courses until the matter is resolved," says a university statement issued Nov. 11.

UNB President Robin Armstrong said the suspension does not mean the university lawyer found evidence Yaqzan's opinion piece violated the university's sexual harassment policy.

### "Misunderstood, misquoted"

But Yaqzan said the suspension was "inhuman, that's all I can say at the moment."

On the morning of Nov. 11, Yaqzan responded to questions submitted to him by the Brunswickan.

"There seems to be a general lack of critical reading or thinking," he wrote. "My comments are being either misunderstood or purposely misquoted."

It's a touchy issue because it brings two of the university's fundamental values into direct conflict, said VP Traves. It comes down to the value of freedom of speech and of free thought versus stepping over the lines of the university's sexual harassment policy.

### Sexual harassment policy

The UNB Policy and Procedure on Sexual Harassment, which applies to all faculty, staff and students, states: "The university is committed to creating and maintaining an environment for all students and employees that is free of objectionable and disrespectful conduct. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated by the University of New Brunswick."

The administration feels Yaqzan's comments may fall under a clause condemning conduct that "creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment."

Traves said that UNB "probably encourages more free speech than most universities," but that this opinion may have crossed the line. "We do recognize that there are always some constraints on free speech, more specifically, when it comes to an issue of sexual harassment," he said. "Under some circumstances, free speech has a limitation, whether this is that circumstance remains to be seen."

graphic by Jeff Nearing

The vice president was also concerned that Yaqzan had signed the column, stating his affiliation with the university. When a professor comes forward as a faculty member they are representing the university, he said.

### Student petition

Traves said that no students enrolled in Yaqzan's courses have complained to him so far. However, the Student Union is circulating a petition demanding the administration discipline Yaqzan under the sexual harassment policy.

In his comments to The Brunswickan, Yaqzan said none of his students had discussed the article with him.

"They have all been well-behaved. Some of them might now be persuaded or manipulated by the zealots of some misconceived and misguided women's organizations," he wrote.

Yaqzan said he feels his opinion has been misunderstood, particularly the comment that a "promiscuous girl" who has been raped should demand monetary compensation from her attacker. The comment, he says, "was only about 'promiscuous' girls. A girl is promiscuous if she sleeps around with boys—many boys.

"It should be obvious that a girl or a woman who is willing to engage in a sexual act with many, is not really against that act per se, as would be a girl with a conviction that it was wrong to do so.

"I challenge (Traves), or anyone else for that matter, to cite a single statement that can be considered irresponsible. If he cannot, then he is morally obligated to make a public apology and the media have an obligation to give it the same kind of publicity that they have given to false statements about me," Yaqzan wrote.

Yaqzan has been an assistant professor of mathematics and statistics at UNB since 1967.

# Manitoba students afraid to attend class with accused student

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Some University of Manitoba students are frightened and outraged after learning they must attend classes with a student charged with attempted murder.

A 20-year-old male Arts student was charged Feb. 11 with the attempted murder of a young aboriginal woman. The victim is now mute and half paralyzed after receiving 12 stab wounds to her head, chest and buttocks.

The university received a flood of complaints after it was revealed in October that the student is still attending classes.

"We students have a right to safety and less fear on campus," said one female classmate who wished to remain anonymous. "He is a clear and present danger."

Some fear that the student is a particular threat to women and natives.

"The accused is racist, he was out to get her," said a student adviser.

But university Vice President James Gardener said the student cannot be prevented from attending classes. In order to exclude him from the campus, an internal hearing process would have to take place with the student given the opportunity to represent himself.

"Under our justice system the accused is innocent until proven guilty," Gardener said. "There is nothing the university can do to stop him from attending classes."

The university investigated its legal position after the preliminary hearing and "must abide by the law," Gardener added.

One student attempted to inform her female classmates by posting a student newspaper article about the murder case in bathroom stalls. The articles disappeared quickly.

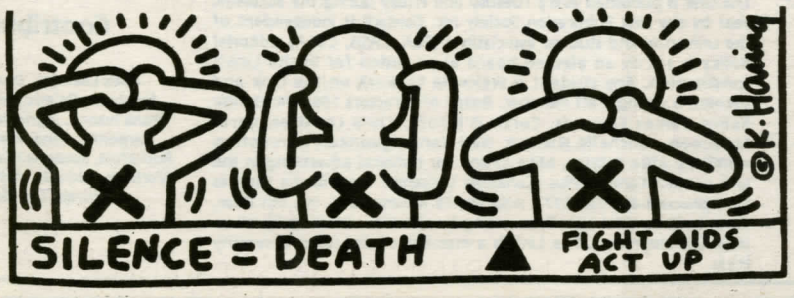
Several students want to know why the student was granted bail.

"Was it because (the victim) was a woman?" one student asked. "Was it because she was a native woman? There are 10,000 women on campus, who will defend our rights?"

At a preliminary hearing Oct. 6, Provincial Court Judge John Guy ruled that sufficient evidence existed to send the case to trial.

The trial date will be set Dec. 8. Crown prosecutor Dale Tesarowski estimated that the trial will probably not begin until next spring.

A publication ban was imposed on the details of the case.




# *Alberta politician says profs should all speak English*

(CALGARY (CUP) — An Alberta politician has been called "racist" for his suggestion that mandatory tests be given to professors who do not speak English clearly.

Tory MLA Lorne Taylor told the Alberta legislature that professors without a good grasp of English should be required to take a verbal test before being hired.

He said there are a number of teachers without a good command of the language and that students are suffering as a result.

"Students should be able to understand professors when they're

speaking," he said.

"People need to have a good command of spoken English before they are up in front of a classroom," he added.

Jim Marino, president of the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations, said Taylor's suggestion was offensive and based on false information.

"This is not true and can only refer to those speaking English with some sort of accent," said Marino. "It's a racist remark."

Alberta's advanced education minister Jack Ady said he receives occasional complaints from students, but he doesn't see language deficiencies as a big problem.

"It's not a problem that seems to be prevalent in the system," Ady said.

But Ben Rogers, vice president of the Unversity of Calgary student council, said he often hears complaints about profesors with accents.

"It may not be an issue for the minister of advanced education, but it certainly is an issue for a large number of students who pay money and expect to be educated," said Rogers.

Taylor has also suggested upping the workload of professors, particularly in the area of classroom teaching, where he said most professors only instruct 12 hours per week.

Taylor has a doctorate from the University of Calgary, and has worked as a professor in Australia, Newfoundland and Saskatchewan.

The Link welcomes letters to the editor. We are committed to printing all letters which are not racist, sexist or homophobic and are signed. Letters should include a telephone number, be typed and 400 words or less. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity. Anonymity can be arranged with the editor.

## Flowers, unity and peace

Consider the flowers of the rose garden. Although they are of different kinds, various colours and diverse forms and appearances, yet as they drink from one water, are swayed by one breeze and grow by the warmth and light of the sun, this variation and this difference cause each to enhance the beauty and splendor of the others, the differences in manners, in customs ,in habits, in thoughts, opinions and in temperaments is the cause of the adornment of the world of mankind. This is praiseworthy. Likewise this difference and this variation, like the difference and variation of the parts of the body, are the cause of the appearance of beauty and perfection. As these different parts and members are under the control of the dominant spirit, and the spirit permeates all the organs and members, and rules all the arteries and veins, this difference and this variation strengthen love and harmony and this multiplicity is the greatest aid to unity

*Concordia Association for Baha'i Studies*

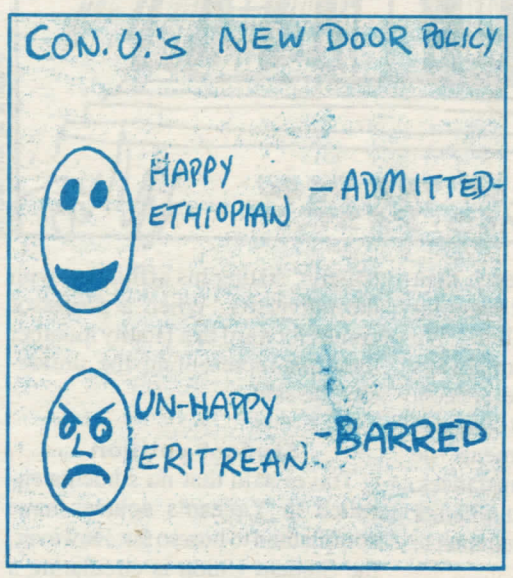
## Grievance not settled

Thank you for taking an interest in the status of the *Concordia University Student Association Employee's Union,* however, in the story (*Link* November 9th, 1993, page 3) by Carol McQueen, there was a mistake. Actually in the title- "CUSA grievances settled", this is not in fact the case. The grievances (at present we have two) have been put on ice but not to bed. In the next 3-6 weeks we will be in negotiation with Management, we hope to settle the grievances within that timeframe.

*Sarah Fowlie*
*President CUSAEU*

## Co-president unhappy with Concordian

Student journalist Vincent Turgeon's article, Student Senate representative ineligible to sit, contains the latest in a long series of misquotes, distortions and non sequiturs published in the Concordian. Who can forget "Lessons in Democracy..." or the notoriously one-sided and bombastic editorial on Proffesor Dhawan? There are a number of problems with Mr. Turgeon's article, published in today's issue of the Concordian (November 3,1993). This letter deals specifically with the blatant misquoting of the CUSA Co-Presidents.




Mr. Turgeon contends in his article that the Co-Preidents favour "a lowering of the Senate's eligiblity regulations". That is a total misrepresentation of our comment on this issue. Our statement to Mr. Turgeon was that regulations imposed on student organizations by the university administration should be challenged and not neccesarily accepted without question. We do not favour an arbitrary lowering of the Senate eligibility requirements any more than we favour their imposition on student represenatives in the first place. There are compelling arguments, both for and against eligibility requirements. However, the representative councils of CUSA<CASA and the ECA are the democratic bodies that should decide who will best represent student interests at University Senate.

In the same article I am quoted as stating that< "Senate issues require a lot of time. They take a certain toll on your grades." That statement is absurd and does not reflect what I said in the taped interview. I stated that involvement in student government can be very demanding. I also noted that such involvement often takes a toll on student leaders' grades. The difference in G.P.A. may be only marginally lower, but the trend definitely exists. That is why, as Co-Presidents, we recommemded that our executive take a lighter course load than they might have otherwise. Sitting as a Student Senator exclusively would not likely have an adverse effect on one's grades. Combine that responsivility with sitting on fifteen committees, coordinating the representatives on twenty-five more, as well as the daily duties associated with an elected/appointed position, whether executive or board, and it is easy to see how a student leader's grades can be affected.

Having statements misquoted and their meaning distorted is extremely frustrating. A letter to the editor or published correction is not sufficient as a means of redress. Thus, I have chosen to write this letter and to have it distributed throughout the university. I expect that there will be a number of letters written in response to this article. I urge all those who have been twisted to speak out and force a higher standard of journalism from the student press. It is no wonder that, in the recent October referendum, the students overwhelmingly rejected the Concordian's request for increased funding. Let this stand as a warning that students at Concordia expect more for their money than the type of journalism offered by the likes of Mr. Turgeon.

*Philip Dalton,*
*CUSA co-president.*

## Help us, Madonna

Dear Madonna,

We, artists, need your help. We are being harrased for lewd conduct- for performing similar acts that you do on stage. Please do something to help us. Send cash to help for our legal defense. Host a party, or perhaps play a benefit...anything.

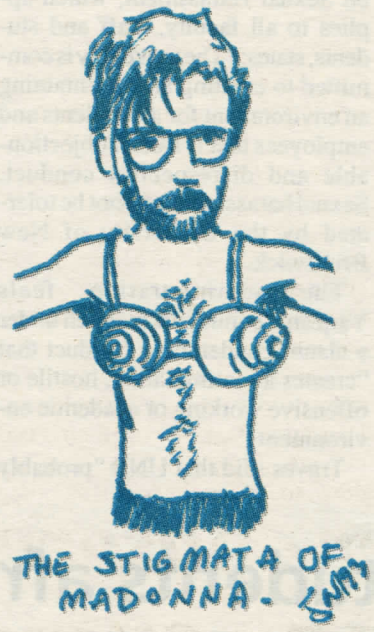
Are you really a part of the international artists community? Now is your chance to show us!

*Zep( and his **Vendredi saints** disciples)*

## New and improved bookstore services

The bookstore is always looking for new ways to improve the services we offer our students, in particular the textbook operations of the store.

Last September the Bookstore introduced a new program at our textbook information desk in the SGW store. The program invited students to provide us with their student I.D. number and we in turn provided them with a customized list of the courses they had registered for , the titles required for those courses, and the status of the titles. Those students that took advantage of the service were extremely impressed with the program and thanked us for simplifying the purchase of books.




The customized course list holds many benefits for the students: they don't have to go to class to know what books are required for their courses, they could purchase their books all at the same time, they can shop early thereby avoiding the long line-ups at the cash register, and they are aware of the status of the books required for courses as well as the expectancy days for titles not yet received.

The bookstore staff is very proud of this new program. It is the only one of its kind in North America. We hope more students will take advantage of this program for the January semester

*Lina Lipscombe*
*Bookstore Manager*

## "Disguised as concerned and peace loving"

In the Nov.16/93 issue of the Link an article was run covering the Ethiopian meeting of Nov.13/93. Overall the writer has tried to present the story of both the Ethiopians and the handful of protesters. However, there was a misunderstanding created by the Eritreans, who were present disguised as the concerned and peace loving Ethiopians in order to gain admittance and disrupt the meeting.

The Eritreans used different petty schemes to have the Saturday meeting canceled. Among their schemes was posting unauthorized papers around the university which were full of false accusations and showed the guest speaker as Attorney General who prosecuted many people. When in fact every Ethiopian knew the man served as Minister for Education prior to becoming the Foreign Affairs Minister, which he left in protest against his government. Obviously someone doesn't know his history very well.

From previous meetings which embraced all Ethiopia's ethnic groups, the organizer's have learned the identity of the trouble makers who have always been throwing insults and trying to disrupt if the content of the discussion is contrary to their beliefs.

All this has led the organizers to take the necessary precaution to protect the concerned and peace loving Ethiopian participants. The ASA, Concordia University Security guards and the organizers should be commended on their effort for the peaceful conclusion of Saturday's meeting.

*G.Abebe*
*B.Merkebe*
*C.Theodros*

## Cigarettes: disgusting

I am writing to express my disgust with the students who smoke in front of the entrance to the Visual Arts building. Hundreds of cigarette butts are dumped on the ground by students who feign to call themselves "artists". Since Concordia has forbidden smoking inside its buildings, these "Purveyors of Beauty" have turned the front entrance of this building into a sewer.

The fact that anyone would choose to dump their cigarette butts on the ground when there is an ash tray in front of them is revolting enough.

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When the people who are doing this are those who are studying to become artists it is distressing. I would expect that these people would have a greater respect for their surroundings and environment. Obviously this is not the case.

I only hope this display of irresponsibility is not an example of the shallowness of artists whose work reflect "environmental themes".

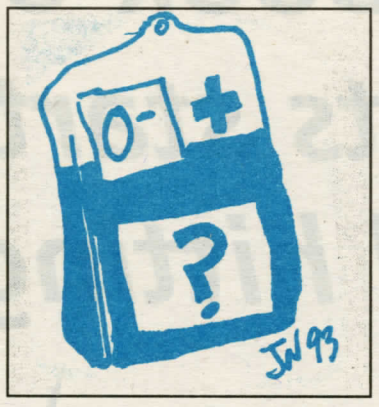
*Dino Mastropaolo*
*Fine arts*

## Don't blame the Red Cross

In respect to your cover story (Fri.Nov.5 '93 "Red Cross policy misguided") in which Concordia Queer Collective, among others were angry about the Red Cross questionnaire for donating blood, specifically seven AIDS related questions. You never print the questions, which are the controversial point and main topic of the article. The closest you get is a quote of a secondhand description of one or two of the questions.

Also, the problems with the questions were not clear. James Edwards and Kathryn Roston were both angry about the questions , both calling it everything from homophobic to racist to disgusting and biased, but for completely different reasons. Edwards (of CQC) felt the questionnaire "too vague" while Roston (of AIDS services) felt "more general questions should be addressed".

The only glimmer of truth and hard facts came from Dr. Gilles Delage,(Deputy Med. Director at Red Cross). In response to attacks on the Red Cross questionnaire, such as Edwards calling it "not HIV responsible", Deluge reiterated the Red Cross' reason for existence and greatest concern is with saving lives, and therefore the safety of their blood products. They are not concerned in being homophobic or racist. Men who engage in any type of gay sex are in a high risk group for HIV. This is a fact. It is not homophobic to accept this and act




accordingly. In your story you stated that 18% of AIDS cases were not linked to gay sex or IV drug use. This means that 82% of AIDS cases are gay or IV drug users. Therefore, by eliminating gays and IV drug users from donating blood, 82% of possibly infected blood is kept from being donated and possibly not being detected and used on patients requiring blood,

It comes down to the fact that most people with AIDS are gay or IV drug users (82%) and their blood can infect other people. It comes down to saving lives and stopping AIDS.

Once the sense of proportion of this story is found, the superfluous material and whining for a boycott of Red Cross (imagine a boycott of Red Cross! a non-profit organization all around the world!) is cut out, and the priorities involved are put in relation to each other, we see that there is not much of a story here, much less a front page zinger.

The driving force of the story is this: Red Cross questionnaire for donating blood is not sensitive to the many kinds of safe sex men can have. Gays in Montreal want to know why they can't donate blood if they have sex in an HIV safe way.

*G. Simms*

## Not all Germans to blame for holocaust?

I remember seeing Jewish student groups protesting at the Palestinian cultural day last spring, about the prospect of racial hatred to be generated by the Palestinian "propaganda" portraying the Israeli's to be disregarding human rights in the occupied territories. There were posters depicting brutality on the part of the Israeli Defense Force against the children participating in the Intifadah, and the dismal results of Ariel Sharon's fatal actions at the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps.

This of course , is bad public relations for the Jewish cause;but my main point is that if the Jewish community, having reminded almost every living soul since the end of WW2 of their plight between 1933-1945 in Europe on innumerable occasions, are morally bound to permit the skeletons in their closet to be exposed for public viewing,

I don't wish to minimize the impact and pain caused by the Nazi-tyranny of '33-'45 ;BUT I WILL INSIST that no one could begin to convince me that every German living under the regime at the time and those living in the Federal Republic now along with those abroad, are responsible for the tragedy that occurred as I wouldn't begin to claim that all Israeli's are responsible for any contravention's of the Geneva convention concerning the proper conduct of soldiers of an occupying army.

I make this point as on too numerous occasions I have read, seen and heard in varying forms of media and from people in general that the German(people) are to be held responsible for this crime, that it is a fatal character flaw that drove the race to exterminate their minorities. It must be remembered that the N.S.D.A.P. only had 33% of the popular vote and that it was Hitler who pushed his then limited powers to the limit and then took advantage of a weak and disoriented opposition. The context of the rise of Hitler can not properly be dealt with without taking into consideration the impact of the first world war and the great depression. To make a long story short, those that are guilty are the ones that pulled the triggers, executed orders impacting victims, employed slave labour, made the judgments to sentence, and those who actually took part in the exploitation and deaths of the imprisoned. The Nuremberg trials(executed by the questionable impartiality; of the occupying powers), tried those who fit the category of people already mentioned. Of course there were those who escaped justice, but this is not the entire race. I need not mention that many other races have shown themselves to be quite adept at mass extermination, but of course, these are trifling details that happened to others who were not the chosen one's.

For the record, Germany paid very dearly for the crimes of 1933-1945.

Cities totally destroyed:
Berlin, Cologne, Konigsberg,Breslau, Stuttgart, Potsdam,(firestormed-Dresden, Hamburg) and numerous towns.
Territorial losses:
Pomerania, Silesia, and East-Prussia
German Combatant deaths:
4,000,000 dead
German Civilian deaths:
1,875,000 dead (1939-May 1945)
German deaths due to forced evacuation from occupied territories:
2,100,000 dead
(May 1945-March 1946)
Total dead:
7,975,000.

—John Keegan,
Historian-1989

This is not an attempt to appeal for pity, merely to outline that all were losers in the senselessness of the objectives of the war and the devastating results.

*Robert Hennecke*

# *Wildflower conservation*
# Integrating society back into nature

by Suzanne Diamond

Do you know your local plant species, the colorful vegetal-creatures that smile at you from the cracks of sidewalks and margins of fenceposts from spring to fall? Most people barely know a handful of the plant species that they come across in the wild, let alone what they can be used for. Out of a list of 187 plants I identified at a camp in St. Donat, Quebec this summer, a full 70 per cent of the plants are either edible or medicinal, or both, according to a number of sources.

This is a sample of what we could have in our own yards and gardens if we were to ever tire of the boring monoculture of Kentuky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) we create through the use of herbicides.

Traditional societies used wild plants for every day survival and had a much more varied diet than what we have today. People in our society base 80 per cent of their diet on just 30 foods, foods which are largely grown in different climates in different parts of the world. Pretty hard to stay in touch with nature when you are not even touching endemic food plants...

Conventional agriculturalists say that this monoculture is necessary in order to prevent 'pest' species from invading our crop lands. (So what if this non-diversified, totally unnatural system of food production actually creates the pest problems by its own faulty design, and necessitates the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers for continued productivity ...that leads to continued soil erosion...) The end result is that the natural plant species are being lost.

A recently compiled list of endangered species in Canada, described as "depressingly long," reports that 374 vascular plants are in rough shape (one fifth of Canadian plant species) and over 3,000 non-vascular plants (chiefly mosses, lichens, fungi and algae).

Leopold Gaudreau, Director of Conservation for the Quebec Environment Department, says the loss of one plant species often translates into the loss of 30 animals species, like frogs, turtles and insects which make their home among these plants and rely on a habitat's biological diversity to survive.

Many modern medicines, at least 30percent, have their origin from wild plants, and the study of ethnobotany (the use of wild plants by indigenous peoples) is a quickly growing field.

A McGill dietetics professor, Dr. Harriet Kuhnlein and a University of Victoria professor of Botany, Dr. Nancy Turner, recently published a book describing over 1000 plants used by the Indian and Inuit peoples of Canada entitled, "Traditional Plant Foods of Canadian Indigenous Peoples: Nutrition, Botany and Use." This is Volume 8 in a series on food and nutrition in history and anthropology.

Wild plants can certainly help to balance our diets, and can provide key nutrients for all people without any cost. Our societies current diet is definely not doing anything for health!

Many of the herbal remedies that are available to us today have been in use for thousands of years. For instance, Ginseng, two species of which are endangered in Canada, has been used as a powerful healer for over 4,000 years.

Scientific studies have cooberated the healing effects attributed to these plants. Angelica (*Angelica* spp.), considered so heavenly and powerful that it was named after the angels, has been used since 400 B.C. by the Chinese as a powerful women's herb. It is said to be the female counterpart to the 'masculine' or 'yang' herb, Ginseng, is said to maintain youth and beauty in daily users. It also has proven antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal properties. This plant has over 50 varieties found around the world, including in Canada.

There are many useful plant species that have managed to hold on in the city. One, a type of chamomile called pineapple weed (*Matricaria matricariodes*), is most likely growing right at the side of your very own driveway and can be used as is, fresh or dried, to make a tea which can settle an upset stomach or upset nerves.

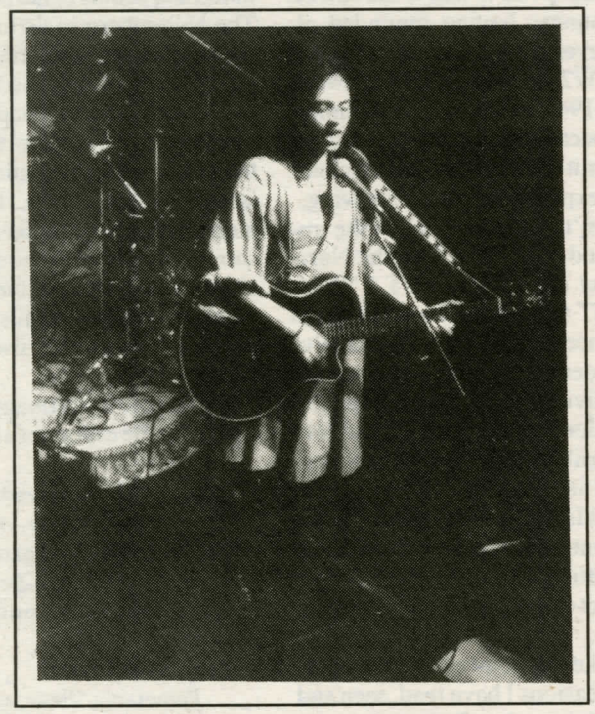
Another useful plant is red clover (*Trifolium pratense*), found abundantly around the city, which can be used for skin problems. Infusions made from the blossoms are said to be an excellent blood purifier and according to the herbal lore of several countries, as reported by Douglas Schar in the book, "Thirty Plants that can Save Your Life", can even be effective treatment against some cancers, especially when used in combination with proper diet.

Common plantain (*Plantago major*) can be used in the same mode as aloe for skin wounds and burns and a tonic made from the leaves is said to maintain good health or restore health to those suffering from degenerative conditions. The leaves can be eaten like spinach and the seeds can be used to make a flour for pancakes. The seed husks from one species, *Plantago pysillium*, are used to make Metamuscil, an effective treatment for constipation.

These are but a few of the many plants that can be found in your own yard and garden, providing you do not use herbicides on your property.

Not only are these plants important for medicinal and ecological reasons, the color and scents of these flowers bring a richness to our lives which can heal us just by their very presence. We need diversity to survive. Diversity is beautiful, and I would say, much more beautiful than manicured green lawns which are laced with poisons that are *truly dangerous* to our health.

*Suzanne Diamond is a former Concordia student and Link staffer. She recently completed a master's degree in botany.*



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# Picture Book of Indie arts starting out and hitting hard

Photos by Justin Rochefort

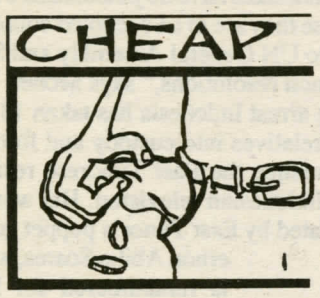
**Priya Thomas** is one acoustic/alternative womyn not to be missed. Her solo guitar and voice are influenced by Mary Margret O'hara, Kate Bush and Monastic Chanting. She calls her sound "embittered." She's played at Club Soda, Jailhouse, Woodstock and more. Her opening performance with Radiohead two weeks ago was stunning. Her label is Maybe White Music.(933-8878)

**Secret Picnic Spot** includes three sax players: Sabastien Arcand, Vincent Momtreuil, and Mario Lauziar plus bass player Celso Leduc and drummer Jean-Sabastien Nicol. This band, together for only six months nearly out of CEGEP plays a wide range of styles. "We want to groove." says Arcand of the band. "We'll play any tune any style."

Secret Picnic started out three years ago as three saxes jamming, now they are six musicians and have played Jailhouse, Toufounes, and Station 10. Their demo is available at L'Oblique.

**Monsieur Toad** says they just want to have fun and play loud. And they do. Patrick Ross, drummer for the band says that they aim to sound like a tight Sonic Youth. For the seven months they've been together they have played Station 10, Le Vieux Ten and more. Their four member noise-making entourage includes Ross (above), Daniel Farmer on guitar, Stephane Dussault - bass and Gregory Deschenes A.K.A. "Gweg" on the vox.

**Les Bons @ Rien** have been in the francophone underground scene for a number of years, -and they're one of the few bands to play hardcore in french. They've got two indie tapes and a CD out. Singer-songwriter Daniel Gastro takes issues of sexism and racism and tackles them: hardcore. Stay on the lookout for their next show, their gigs are not few and far between.




•Street musician Ian Halperin is at Le Grand Café, 1720 St. Denis, Wed Nov 24, and Thurs. Nov 25, at 9PM. 849-6955

•Author Darius James reads his works, Fri, Nov 19, with Ann Diamond, Peter Brawley, and Ian Stephens 9:30pm 1069 Bleury $3. Also Sun. Nov. 21 at Purple Haze

•Observatoire 4's auction for Art's Day Fund, Sat. Nov. 22, 372 Ste Catherine E. suite 426 2:30-5:30pm. $5. students

•Comic strip artist launches 1st book on Sat. Nov. 20 with side show and signing @ Sky 1474 Ste Catherines E. $5 Proceeds go to fighting custom siezures.

•Sat. Nov. 20. 9:30, "The Next Dance" A vision of the future dancers. Live Performances, Video and D.J. 10 Ontario W. suite 628, $5

•Classical Jazz, every wk. from Thur-Sat, 10pm at LUX 5220 St. Laurent 271-9272 Free.

•Mon. Nov. 22 8pm McGill. Harpsichord class recital, 24 Nov. 8pm Masters Recital Greg Bush, trumpet with Greg Bush sextet at Pollack Hall, 5555 Sherbrooke St. West 398-4547

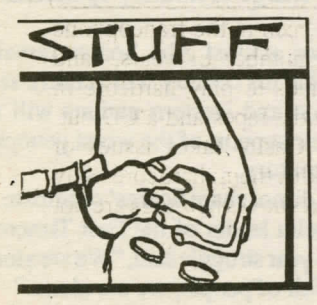
•Nov. 11-Dec. 16 Faculty Exhibition Con U Mon-Fri. 11am-8pm Sat. 11-5 Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery 848-4751

•Nov. 18-24 works on paper from France. Vernisage Nov 18, 7pm. 1395 Rene Levesque at Cafe X Free.

•Wed. Nov. 24, 7:30pm screening of Contra Corriente (against the current) Dirty business and postcards from Mexico. 1455 de Maisonneuve W. rm 651 Free.

•NFB Montreal Fri 19-21 Nov. Open House 9-5 pm and 2 screenings each night: Kanehstake, and Tous pour un, un pour tous. Free

•Nov 24 Con. Jazz vocal students Dir. Jeri Brown 8pm 7141 Rue Sherbrooke E. Free.




# Hot on the Mushroom Trail

by Sophy Khwaja

Spacy, trippy, one hundred percent pure and all natural fungus that can really grow on you like a barnacle to a ship. We've got that satanic drug thang happenin' with **Monster Magnet, Warrior Soul**'s on hallucenogens and now a contagious **Mushroom Trail** is sprouting outta Vancouver with more than a lethal dose of ***My Medicine***.

A couple of weeks ago, the boys really flaunted their stuff at Backstreet where frontman **Paul D'eath** dipped and dived through tunes with a harsh, almost brutally stern fashion. From their recent honeycombed acoustic release, *Pine Valley* to the threatening *Pigs*, he was backed by a frenzied **Paul Gillespie** who raveneously chewed up his smoking strings. **Russ Hawkes** meticulously soared with a seeming ease. Their former bassist had been given the boot after the record was completed, so **Zehid Iqbal** filled his shoes, swaying fevereshly to the thumping, beat courtesy of Hartline. Man, it was intense, which makes those clowns lazing around before soundcheck a real shocker.

"We like coming off like that. We're a bunch of lame-asses. Like if someone says 'I think I'm getting a cold' -practice is off!" says Paul.

"No!" laughs Russ.

"Aw, I'm really sick," Paul moans holding his stomach "Okay, let's go to the lake. Let's go camping!"

Well, whether they go to practice or not, they are indeed hardworking and their music speaks for itself. - But check out their CD carefully because there's an extra track called *Pain.*

"It's seven and half seconds after everything else," laughs Russ "It's one of those neat gimmicks to psych people out a bit!"

The very dramatic, consumed in quicksand type piece that stretches for a sinful ten minutes was recorded completely live off the floor on Gillespie's birthday, in that druken, party mode. The sheer quality was a wonder to them, the bottles tinkling and all!

"We do everything independently. Everything. To this day. We booked our own tour, we load our own gear, we steal our own food and that's it," states Paul. They even drive their own truck!

According to Hawkes,it's a wonder they made it here in one piece as they soar down the Trans-Can at whiplash, faster-than-a-roller- coaster-terror speed in a little white milktruck! "Jon drives like a madman!" exclaims Hawkes "He thinks it's a sports car; in and outta traffic!"

"Unbelievable!" cracks Gillespie, the goofiest of the lot, "He drives it like a maseratti! What a prick!" he laughs.

Even though spirits were high that day, the boys were bummed that their regular Vancouver hot spot, Sandy Cove was phasing out that same night, which means one less venue to play.

"We could fit three clubs from Vancouver in here [Backstreet]." emphasises Gillespie of the small scene there."

photo by Phil Carpenter

"Don't get the wrong impression," Russ insists "It's not a horrible place to be."

"Vancouver has the best pot in the world!" interjects one of the bands 'ol buds that's perched next to Russ.

So due to this lack of venues in Vancouver, these guys followed their trail to south of the border into Seattle.

"You should see some of the weird-ass shit that comes out of that place because it was thriving with supportive venues and people and bands."

"Vancouver is indicative of the scene in Canada," admits Russ grimly.

"I think it's fucked! Fucked!" yelps Gillespie.

"Assholes, listen to something!" Russ agrees vehemently "By in large. Canada won't make a move on something unless there's an American interest in it."

"There's a couple of good Canadian acts but there's also some real dogs. I think it's pretty silly to call people un-American or un-Canadian, let's have music speak for itself and not get into a political rally."

They are quite adamant about staying rooted where they are nevertheless. Paul, his brother and Russ share a place called the "Dog House."

"We live in mountainville. We live in a great house, and have a great backyard. We have bon-fires. Ten minutes one way, you're right in the middle of a cool city. It's got a good night life. You can hang out in the day too,by the ocean, and ten minutes the other way you're in the wilderness. There's mountains; you can hike, ski -anything."

"Besides, where would we move?" questions Russ "Seattle? No. L.A.? No. Toronto? No!"

"I thought Toronto was a city that has got to be great. Fuck, there's nothing! I might as well have brought a walkman!" sighs Gillespie.

Lyrically, (although not evident here) they dabble with the environment and politics in a more layed-back fashion.

"We won't give you a whole bunch of girble gabble, I love my girlfriend (he makes kiss-smacking noises) songs either."

"We've never endeavored to sound like anything. It's just the way we play," sums up Russ.

"Heavy and loud!" laughs Paul. Who then goes off on a tangent about things he hates. "Rosanne, Pet Shop Boys. Can't stand 'em. Together. Together. Dah dah dah.." and even the "chicken tonight" commercial.

# ...but she's a cat lover...

**Diane Dimasa will be at Sky to launch her first book called Hothead Paisan. Her comics about a Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist have deemed praise and controversy ie. some of her issues were banned because they were said to be degrading to men. Here's an example of her work.**

**Dimasa book launch at Sky next Saturday.**

# Canada's Role in the East Timor Genocide

by Chuck E. Tallyrand
MONTREAL (CUP)

**November 12 marked the second anniversary of the day demonstrators marched through the streets of Dili, East Timor, protesting their country's 16-year occupation by Indonesian forces. They were hoping to reach the hotel of a local United Nations representative to call attention to a slaughter that has claimed the lives of one out of three East Timorese.**

**They never made it.**

**Indonesian troops fired on the demonstrators, killing (according to the government) 19 people. An independent study has slightly different figures: 271 killed, 250 disappeared, 382 wounded. It was the latest incident in Indonesia's ongoing campaign of persecution, torture, imprisonment and mass killings of the East Timorese. This repression which has created an "island of total fear and terror" has taken the lives of 250,000 people. It is the worst genocide, per capita, since the Holocaust.**

**It is also a genocide with a distinctly Canadian stamp.**

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### Canada condoning terror

Western countries have encouraged the annexation of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor by Indonesia since the initial invasion in 1975. The United States, for example, provided 90 per cent of Indonesia's arms.

And because of its cozy economic and political ties to Indonesia, Canada is also at the forefront.

"Until 1991 Canada didn't recognize human rights violations in East Timor," says Peter Monet of the East Timor Alert Network (ETAN), noting Canada does not recognize the UN resolutions on East Timor. The resolutions call for the withdrawal of Indonesian troops and for a legitimate act of self-determination to take place.

Canada's complicity continues despite the repressive measures of the Indonesian government.

The "encirclement and annihilation" operation against Fretelin, the East Timorese resistance group, has led to widespread use of napalm and phosphorus, as well as the use of resettlement camps, likened widely to the Nazi concentration camps of World War II, for those displaced by military operations.

In addition, a scorched earth policy of burning homes and crops led to the famine of 1977-80, which killed over 100,000 people.

Indonesia, with funding from the World Bank, is carrying out a program of forced sterilization, already imposed on over half the couples in East Timor. This despite the fact that Indonesia sees East Timor as sufficiently underpopulated to encourage a massive influx of Javanese settlers, who now number about a quarter of the island's population.

### Economic aid to Indonesia

In addition to consistently abstaining from or voting against UN resolutions affirming East Timor's right to self-determination, Canadian responses to the genocide have included: Trudeau's $200 million aid package, presented to Indonesia the year following the invasion; organizing an arms bazaar for Canadian manufacturers in Jakarta in 1984 (during the Indonesian military's Operation Clean Sweep); and former External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's assertion that human rights abuses in Indonesia had ended (during Operation Eradicate).

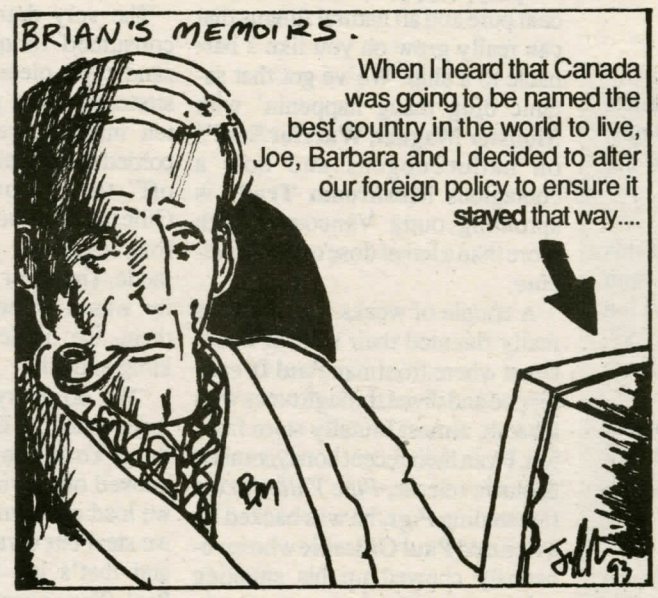
"Canada is supposed to be a frontline defender of democracy," says Abe Soares, a Timorese who has lived in Canada since 1991. "But my view as a Timorese is that Canada supports the invasion and the genocide. The Canadian government knows what's wrong in East Timor, but because of their business interests they keep silent. It's hypocrisy."

Despite former External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall's claim that "we do not sell arms to Indonesia," Canadian support continues to this day. The government issued 10 military export permits to Indonesia between January 1990 and August 1992. This leads East Timorese resistance activist, Jose Ramos-Horta, to say that Canadian military supplies "have played an important role in the war in East Timor."

"They recognize the Indonesian occupation as a fait accompli, claiming that it's too late to turn back the clock, " says the East Timor Alert Network's Monet. "But at the same time, Canada refused to recognize the Soviet occupation of the Balkans for 50 years."

Canada's blind eye is undoubtedly due to its economic relations with Indonesia, with whom it shares $1 billion in annual trade. Indonesia consistently ranks as Canada's second largest recipient of bilateral aid, receiving $52.5 million in 1991-92. The only interruption of government aid followed the Dili massacre, when $30 million in future projects were suspended—of which only $150,000 was actually affected. Aid has since resumed at record levels, despite the former Mulroney government's stated policy of linking aid to human rights.

In addition, more than 300 Canadian companies, including Bata Shoes, Alcan, and Lavalin (in charge of logistics for the transmigration program in West Papua New Guinea), have over $2 billion invested in Indonesia. The Canadian government, in turn, has spent over $1 billion since 1985 in promoting trade with Indonesia, by way of export development credits, tax credits and subsidies.



graphic by Jeff Hearing

ETAN has called for an overhaul of all aid programs which are channelled through the Indonesian government or Jakarta-based Non Governmental Organizations. Aid affected by this overhaul would include portions of the Canadian International Development Agency's Canada Fund, which in 1992-93 has spent $500,000 on projects in East Timor alone. CIDA's accomplishments include the construction of irrigation systems, wells, roads and community health centres.

"If you cut aid, you affect all kinds of people," says Chris Neil, a spokesperson for CIDA. He adds that CIDA's programs are routed through the Catholic Church, practically the only independent organization left in East Timor.

This would seem to contradict CIDA's own reports which show that the majority of funds are channelled through ETADEP, an Indonesian non-governmental organization.

ETAN's Monet says many development projects have ulterior motives. Health centres, for example, enforce the sterilization of East Timorese women. He also cites CIDA's recent funding for a road into North Sumatra, which has been used largely for transport of Indonesian tanks and military personnel in a massive military crackdown.

ETAN claims that only threats to such aid—amounting to approximately $5 billion yearly from the 18 leading donor nations—will make Indonesia change its policy.

"No one puts enough pressure on the Indonesian government to make sure it takes its human rights record seriously," says Li-Lien Gibbons of ETAN Vancouver, whose stepbrother was killed in the Dili shootings. "Indonesia relies so heavily on foreign aid. If governments were to start taking a stand, they would have to address human rights."

### 1991 Dili Massacre

The latest international outcry comes after the July arrest of the Fretelin leader Xanana Gusmao, who was sentenced to life in prison for rebellion. Gusmao was held responsible for the Dili massacre, as were various demonstrators, who were given jail terms of six years to life. Soldiers involved in the shooting were sentenced to an average of 11 months.

Observers maintain that any trial of Gusmao is illegal.

"The Indonesians have no jurisdiction over him, because they are in an occupied country according to UN General Assembly and Security Council resolutions," says Monet.

Since the arrest Indonesia has taken 13 of Gusmao's relatives into custody and forced him to denounce the East Timorese resistance over Indonesian television. His words were translated by East Timor's puppet governor, Abilio Soares, who is remembered for his statement that more people should have been killed in the Dili massacre. Despite the fact that Gusmao showed clear signs of having been tortured, Canadian embassy officials saw his statement as a legitimate change of heart.

"The Canadian government accepts whatever the Indonesians say," says Monet. "They don't accept reports of Amnesty International, of the Catholic Church, or of independent journalists—they only accept official Indonesian statements. Because we're in such a close relationship with the government, we accept what they say verbatim."

The resistance continues despite Gusmao's arrest.

"(The East Timorese) don't expect to beat the Indonesians militarily," says Monet. "They tried that in the '70s, and the Indonesian response was a massive aerial bombardment, napalm, and concentration camps. All they're trying to do is maintain the resistance until the outside world recognizes them."

### Indonesia oppression continues

Indonesian policy has been to maintain that East Timor requested integration in 1976. The official agreement was signed by representatives of Apodeti, a political party with little popular support but strong links to Indonesian intelligence. They claim the incorporation as Indonesia's "27th province" was the result of the national ideal of 'mushawara,' or discussion—which involved the landing of 30,000 troops.

To support its case, the Indonesia government cites the results of the 1982 elections, when 99 per cent of East Timorese were said to have voted for the governing Golkar party. The returns, curiously, exceeded the entire population of East Timor.

Perhaps Indonesia's primary concern is the precedent Timorese independence would set, in a state with literally hundreds of cultures. Other current trouble spots include West Papua New Guinea, where a resistance movement has been fighting since its 1969 integration into Indonesia. In Aceh, North Sumatra, Indonesia's military action reportedly rivals their activity in East Timor. Aceh's military commander is recorded as saying, "If they don't do as you order them, shoot them on the spot or butcher them."

A change in Indonesia's policy does not seem likely, considering that the newly appointed vice president, Try Sutrisno, was formerly in charge of military operations in East Timor.

East Timor activist Abe Soares remains convinced that his country will achieve self-determination and western nations will reconsider their support of the worst genocide of the half century.

But some do not share Soares' optimism. A former Fretelin leader of the East Timorese and their 18-year struggle said, "We are alone. In a world full of people, we are alone."

# Why aren't you at the game?

by Ingrid Bejerman and Danny Chan

The football season has ended with the Stingers' 26-16 loss to the Toronto Varsity Blues in the national semi-final but did anybody notice? You may have known they were playing an important game and that they lost, but maybe that was it.

How many students really followed the football team or any of the other Stingers varsity teams this season? Don't all speak up at once now. The truth is, student apathy at Concordia is infamous and varsity sports takes a backseat to other things. Most of us just don't give a rat's ass about sports.

School spirit here is just a ghost of what it is at other universities. But Stingers fans are a well-hidden bunch. We lack the face-painting, rafter-shaking, school song-chanting throng of fans evident at other universities.

The players' mugs don't necessarily have to appear on a bubble gum card for you to follow those sports. We have amazing, in-your-face varsity squads right here at Concordia. But you'd think otherwise when there are more people on the field than in the stands at some games.

Some of our soccer matches at Loyola boast a ridiculous crowd of just nine spectators. Although you may not realize it, this tragedy means that not even the parents—or the little sister—of the players come to support them while they're playing.

It's time to take a fresh approach to school spirit. If the university assigns recreation and athletics priority number 145,987, then student enthusiasm will suffer.accordingly

A lot of students buy Concordia bags, notebooks, binders, mascot Teddy bears, T-shirts, sweatshirts, pens and so on. This means they take part in Concordia, and that they are proud to use their Concordia purchases. (They are quite expensive, so what other reason can you give for them doing so?)

Athletics are perhaps the greatest and most direct way in becoming involved. Okay, so you don't have the time to go to games? Yeah right.

And games are fun! Not only are they exciting but at what other time can one feel so attached to his or her university? It is a feeling of belonging, of participating, of supporting. This is something which is unique to every crowd—they all have something in common, they all have the same goal. And don't say it doesn't feel GREAT to beat McGill!

And don't give the excuse of exorbitant admission prices. Most games like soccer have free admission and sports like basketball and football charge only a couple of bucks—the same cost as a couple of beers.

Oh, speaking of beers, alcohol is sold at varsity events. What better way to spend an evening than at the Loyola Athletic Complex with your pals watching the Stingers cream the opposition while you're spilling beer?

On this page is a sports calendar listing the varsity events. Real wrestling, not the theatrics presented courtesy of Hulk Hogan & Company, starts at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Loyola. Sunday afternoon will feature a bonanza for hockey fans when the women's team and the men's team prepare to give the opposition a hockey lesson.

***We are looking for sports minded writers.***
***Come to the meeting at H-649 and see what's up.***

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## SPORTS -calendar-

Volleyball
Concordia at Sherbrooke, Friday TBA
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Wrestling
The Concordia Invitational Tournament will be held at Loyola this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball
Concordia at Manhattan College (exhibition), Friday 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
The Stingers are on a U.S. tour this Friday and Saturday.

Women's Hockey
Concordia at McGill, Friday 5 p.m.
UQTR at Concordia, Sunday 12:30 p.m.

Men's Hockey
Concordia at McGill, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Queen's at Concordia, Sunday 3 p.m.


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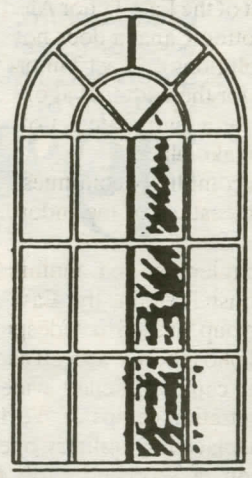

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